

PRESIDENT SIGNS FOUR BILLS TODAY

Army and Navy, Philippine and
"Bill of Lading" Measures
Are Now Laws.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PRESENT AT CEREMONY

Mr. Wilson Praises New Acts and
"Measures of Benefit They Will
Be to the Country."

President Wilson today signed the army and navy appropriation bills, carrying the news of preparedness, the Philippine bill, which holds out the promise of independence to the Philippines, and the "bill of lading" bill, which the President told his hearers promised much to the business and financial world.

The President handed the pen with which he signed the Philippine bill to Manuel Quezon, one of the two commissioners to Congress from the Philippines. He also gave to Senator Pomeroy the pen with which the bill of lading measure was signed. Nobody had asked for the pens used in signing the preparedness bills.

"Movie" Men Take Pictures.

President Wilson signed the four bills at his desk in the executive office of the White House, and with the chairman and members of the House and Senate military, Philippine and commerce committees grouped about him. Secretary Baker and Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, were present, representing the army, and Rear Admiral Beardsley, representing the navy, headed by the bureau chiefs of the Navy Department, also witnessed the signing. Brig. Gen. McIntyre, head of the insular bureau of the War Department, and Manuel Quezon, Philippine delegate to Congress, participated in the event in the interest of the Philippines. Battery of movie picture cameras recorded the event, the white light necessary for the picture taking covering the President and the group surrounding him.

When he had signed all four bills Mr. Wilson spoke briefly of his feelings in putting the finishing touches to legislation of such far-reaching importance and added: "While I am not accustomed to the spotlight to which we have just been subjected here, nodding smilingly toward the camera men, 'I am glad to have been caught in such an act.'"

President Comments on Bills.

"I cannot let an occasion like this pass without saying something about the feelings with which I sign these bills, many of which will probably be momentous in their results. I think that the whole country will feel that this Congress has accomplished a very remarkable part of the program of national defense."

"This bill that I have signed for the army is merely the appropriation bill, it is not the bill by which we reorganized the army, of course you understand, but it does carry with it a very much needed revision of the articles of war, and it does mean that the finances of the nation are to stand behind the reorganization of the army and its use for adequate national defense."

Adequate Navy Provided.

"The navy bill is a very remarkable measure. Never before by one single act of legislation has so much been done for the creation of an adequate navy."

"Our navy has steadily grown. I think the development of that arm of force has always had the enthusiastic support of the nation. It is a matter of unusual gratification, therefore, that we should have seen this bill at this time to do so much, to do it so well, as I believe it to be done in this bill, and to do it with unanimity of support and opinion."

"The Philippine bill excites peculiar feelings in me, because there have been times when the people of the Philippine islands doubted our intention to be liberally just to them. I hope and believe that this bill is a sufficient earnest to them of our real intentions."

"It is a very satisfactory advance in our policy of extending to them genuine self-government and control of the self-government. It is only by such means that any people comes into contentment and into political capacity, and it was high time that we did this act of justice which we now have done."

Aid to Industry.

"The last bill, the bill of lading bill, I believe will be a most substantial assistance to the right conduct of both the commercial and financial business of the country."

"So that it is with great gratification that I am able to add my part to so many pieces of useful and public spirited legislation. I am not accustomed to the kind of spotlight to which we have just been subjected, but I am very glad to have been caught at such acts."

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following:
Eugene Hunter of Dunn Loring, Va., and Sarah Nelson of this city.
James H. Woodburn, U. S. N., and Kathryn B. Moore of this city.
Nathan Behrens and Etta Wassergut, both of New York city.
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William H. Bowie and Margaret R. Bowie, both of Charles county, Md.
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James L. and Gertrude V. Johnson, boy.
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Charles B. and Hoidis S. Ashton, boy.

FRENCH CLAIM PROGRESS ON THE VERDUN FRONT

Dominate Situation on Somme and at
Verdun, Says a Paris Of-
ficial Note.

PARIS, August 29 (11:50 a.m.)—On the Verdun front last night French troops made progress near Thiaumont works, the war office announced today. German attacks in the vicinity of Fleury and Vaux fort were repulsed. "On the Somme, as at Verdun, we are leading in the offensive and dominating the adversary," says an official note reviewing last week's operations on the French front.

"There is not a point in the general theater of operations where the enemy is not actually reduced to the defensive," continued the note. "Actions which we have undertaken continue despite the resistance or reaction of the enemy."

ROB TWO BANKS AT ONCE.

Safes Blown Simultaneously and
\$13,000 in Money Taken.

DANVILLE, Ill., August 28.—Six robbers blew the safes of two banks at Homer, Ill., near here, early today, and escaped in an automobile with \$13,000. The robbers' plans were well laid for the explosions at the two banks were simultaneous, and were so muffled that only a few people in the town were awakened. Eighty-five hundred dollars was taken from the Raynor and Rabb Bank, and \$4,500 from the Citizens Bank.

There was some delay in spreading the alarm. The gang cut all wires into town except one leading to the bank. The banks could not open this morning until money had been shipped to them from Danville.

HUGHES CLIMBS HIGH.

Lunches Above Timber Line After
Mounting Long's Peak.

ESTES PARK, Col., August 29.—Charles E. Hughes, republican presidential nominee, today took luncheon above timber line on Long's Peak. He was the guest of Enos Mills, Colorado naturalist.

Mr. Hughes left the hotel early in the forenoon and climbed the tortuous trail to an altitude of 11,000 feet above sea level. Mr. Hughes has decided not to undertake any strenuous mountain climbing but devote the few days spent here to rest.

Swedish-Russian Railway Union.

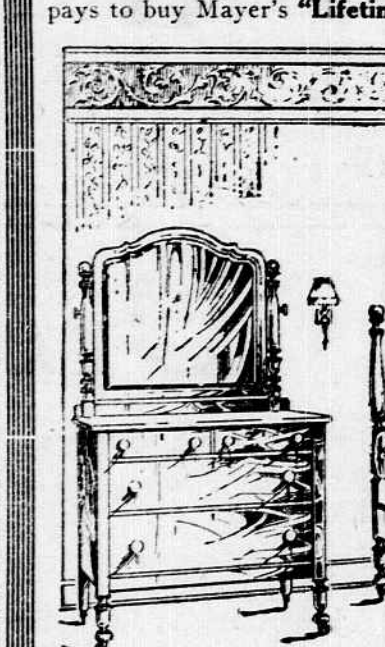
LONDON, August 29.—Sweden and Russia have agreed to link their railway systems by bridging the River Tornea, on the boundary between the two countries, according to a Reuters Stockholm dispatch. Construction of the bridge will begin immediately.

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YOU people who want artistic design, stanch construction and lasting satisfaction in the furniture you buy are the ones to whom our Lifetime Furniture appeals. Its enduring construction for years remains a lasting tribute to the good sense of the buyer long after cheap "bargain" furniture would have fallen to pieces and been discarded. It pays to buy Mayer's "Lifetime" Furniture.



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SAMUEL E. MARTIN DEAD.

A Resident of Washington During
Most of His 81 Years.

Samuel E. Martin, for many years a resident of Washington, died at his home on Wheeler road southeast yesterday afternoon after a long illness. He was eighty-one years old. The funeral will be held from Murray's undertaking establishment tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment following in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Martin was born in Leesburg, Va., but lived here most of his life. He was a contractor and builder, and was engaged in active work until about ten years ago, when he retired. He did a great deal of work on the patent office, the Soldiers' Home and a number of other public buildings. He was a member of the Carpenters' Union.

Deaths Reported.

The following deaths have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours:
Ida W. Dixon, 58 years, Georgetown University Hospital.
Gottlieb Spitzer, 65 years, 2540 14th street northwest.
Lella H. Wallace, 75 years, 500 H street northwest.
Rose Chirico, 50 years, 736 Lamont street northwest.
James Amidon, 69 years, George Washington University Hospital.
Mary E. Williams, 77 years, H and 3d streets northeast.
Samuel F. Beydler, 54 years, Providence Hospital.
Nona M. Hall, 15 years, 513 L street southeast.
Delbert P. McGrath, 9 days, 522 8th street northeast.
Raymond E. Griffith, 5 months, 1003 H street southeast.
Frances Nell, 59 years, Conduit road.
George W. Simms, 74 years, 633 Fairmont street northwest.
Matalda Parrish, 80 years, Freedmen's Hospital.
Savoy S. Dickerson, 1 year, 1115 G street northwest.
Joseph Lipscombe, 45 years, Freedmen's Hospital.
Blanche Carter, 32 years, Tuberculosis Hospital.
Matilda Wise, 2 years, 418 I street northwest.

BATTLE IN THE CIA VALLEY.

Italians Penetrate Austrian Positions; Repulsed, Vienna Says.

BERLIN, August 29, by wireless to Saville, N. Y.—Heavy fighting continues near Monte Carlo, in the Cia valley. The repulse of Italian troops which succeeded in penetrating temporarily the Austrian positions is reported in the official Austrian announcement of August 28.

ROME, August 28, via London, August 29.—Attacks with small forces were made by the Austrians yesterday at various points along the front. These assaults were repulsed everywhere. The war office announces, with appreciable loss to the Austrians.

ASKS \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Mrs. Kidwell Sues Chapin-Sacks Company for Death of Son.

Frances M. Kidwell, as administratrix of the estate of her son, Alfred Kidwell, today filed suit in the District Supreme Court to recover \$10,000 damages from the Chapin-Sacks Manufacturing Company.

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ACTIVITY OF VETERANS

FEATURES G. A. R. REUNION

First General Meeting of National
Encampment in Kansas City
Scheduled for Tonight.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 29.—Additional help was added to all departments of the local committee machinery today in anticipation of the heaviest day's work in connection with the twenty-first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in session here.

With the semi-official meeting scheduled for tonight, the first general gathering of the encampment, administrative and executive committees prepared to handle the bulk of the arrivals.

Constant animation is present whenever a group of old soldiers is seen. Eyes are bright and movements quick, altogether out of keeping with their years.

Says It Is "Mere Bluff."

"It's all a bluff in most cases," declared a member of the Women's Relief Corps. "They'll pay for this capering around when they get back home."

That the veterans have for months made great personal sacrifices so as to be able to attend the encampment, is the statement made by Capt. Elias R. Monfort, commander-in-chief.

CLASSMATES AT FUNERAL.

Sunday School Associates Pay Respects to A. B. Cowill.

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SAYS RUSS WERE REPULSED.

Berlin Reports Fighting in Volhynia
on Salient Before Lutsk.

BERLIN, August 28, via London, August 29.—Russian troops made an attack yesterday in Volhynia on the salient before Lutsk. The war office statement says they were repulsed.

WITHDRAWS FROM CASE.

Judge Says Integrity of Court Is Attacked in Railroad Receivership.

BOSTON, August 29.—United States Circuit Judge William L. Putnam today withdrew from the Boston and Maine railroad receivership proceedings because of a bill filed by counsel for minority stockholders, which, according to Judge Putnam, attacked the integrity of the court.

Judge Putnam further ordered that the bill be sent to the office of the federal district attorney for investigation by James H. Hustis, president of the Boston and Maine, was appointed temporary receiver of the road.

The bill which caused Judge Putnam to withdraw was filed by Asa P. French, counsel for Francis V. Streeter, a minority stockholder. It asserted that Judge Putnam, because of his personal relations with directors of the road, was unfit to sit in the receivership proceedings.

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VIRGINIA LIQUOR DEALERS

TO TRANSFER BUSINESS

Announcing to Their Patrons They
Will Be Either in Baltimore or
Washington After Nov. 1.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

RICHMOND, Va., August 29.—Within the next sixty days many of the men now engaged in the liquor business here will transfer their operations to either Baltimore or Washington. This is the announcement which they are making to their patrons whom they have been supplying with liquor in different parts of the state. This information is that after November 1 their address will be Washington or Baltimore, "where they will be prepared to furnish whatever may be needed in the line of liquors."

For some time representatives of establishments in Baltimore, particularly those having advertising liquor business, have been advertising liquor business and stands for sale. Papers containing these advertisements are being sent to this city and to other cities, the names of the Virginia dealers having been obtained through business agencies.

Just how dealers will be able to supply persons in this state after November 1 is hard to understand. Under the laws of the state not more than one quart in any one month will be allowed to be shipped into Virginia to any person. Persons receiving liquor must sign a receipt therefor, the law making it a violation for any person to receive more than one quart, and this record is to be kept open to the public at all times.

Prohibition Commissioner Peters is preparing to take charge, beginning next Friday, and will have special agents in various parts of the state to prevent violations. At the very inception of the enforcement of the law the determination is to make every person live up to its full requirements, and to this end the "outlets" who have been employed in every instance where the officers show a disposition to wink at violations.

No Cholera Epidemic in Philippines.

MANILA, P. I., August 29.—The health director denies the report that an epidemic of cholera is prevalent in the Philippines.

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May See Road Building Test.

W. T. Gallier, acting president of the
Board of Trade, has been authorized to
appoint delegates to attend a demon-
stration showing the efficiency of brick
road building, which is to be held at
Paris, Ill., October 6. It is expected
that about three members of the board
will form the delegation at the demon-
stration.

San Francisco Bread Loaf Shrinks.

Two and one-half ounces were looped
from each loaf of bread baked today
by San Francisco bakers to be sold for
2 cents, and doughnuts were raised
from 12 to 15 cents a dozen, as also
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